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Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz, and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan and I am here today to speak in favor of **House Bill 6575, *An Act Concerning Certain State Grants to Towns.***

This legislation is of utmost importance to the City of Danbury, which I represent. Danbury currently has a problem with phosphorus in their sewer treatment facility. They have worked the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to take the necessary steps to decrease the levels of phosphorus found in the water.

However, decreasing those levels is expensive for the City. This legislation would provide a higher reimbursement rate to the City from the State which will help immensely as removal continues.

Danbury is only one of several municipalities in Connecticut working to decrease phosphorus levels. Other will also benefit from the passage of this legislation.

I urge the committee to support this legislation, which will assist several municipalities in removing phosphorous from their sewage treatment facilities.

Thank you.